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WASHINGTON, December 4 -- A total of 8,203 new and rebuilt freight cars were placed in service in October, compared with 7,056 in September and 6,473 in October 1978, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

For the first 10 months of this year, 74,594 cars have been put into service, compared with 55,021 for the comparable period a year ago.

Orders in October totaled 6,224, compared with 12,028 in September and 9,010 in October of last year. For the year so far, 105,135 cars have been ordered, compared with 105,222 for the first 10 months of 1978.

As of November 1, 123,897 cars were on order and undelivered, compared with 128,200 on October 1 and 87,705 on November 1, 1978. The average backlog for the first 10 months of 1979 is 120,222, compared with 64,077 for the comparable period last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 183 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in October, compared with 269 in September and 104 in October 1978. For the first 10 months of this year, 1,564 locomotives have been put into service, compared with 1,024 a year earlier.

As of November 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,871, compared with 27,080 on November 1, 1978, and 27,755 on October 1 of this year.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of November 1 was 62,646,650, compared with 62,321,600 on October 1 and 59,598,325 on November 1, 1978.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of November 1 was 774, compared with 677 on October 1 and 924 on November 1, 1978. The average backlog for this year is 1,000, compared with 746 through the first 10 months of last year.

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DELIVERED

	October		September	Ten Months	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Built New by Car Builders	7,758	6,174	6,618	68,513	49,855
Built New in R.R. Shops	349	291	344*	4,469	3,868
Built New - Total	8,107	6,465	6,962*	72,982	53,723
Rebuilt	96	8	94	1,612	1,298
TOTAL Delivered	8,203	6,473	7,056*	74,594	55,021
Locomotives	183	104	269	1,564	1,024

ORDERED

	October		September	Ten Months	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
To be Built New by Car Builders	6,129	9,010	10,881	99,777	102,166
To be Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	992*	4,463	2,934
To be Built New - Total	6,129	9,010	11,873*	104,240	105,100
To be Rebuilt	95	0	155	895	122
TOTAL Ordered	6,224	9,010	12,028	105,135	105,222

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	November 1		October 1	Average	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
To be Built New by Car Builders	117,422	82,119	121,375	113,746	58,169
To be Built new in R.R. Shops	6,305	5,486	6,654*	6,359	5,403
To be Built New - Total	123,727	87,605	128,029*	120,105	63,572
To be Rebuilt	170	100	171	117	505
TOTAL on Order	123,897	87,705	128,200*	120,222	64,077
Locomotives	774	924	677	1,000	746

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WASHINGTON, January 8 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars totaled 8,712 in November, compared with 6,224 in October and 8,818 in November 1978, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

For the first 11 months of 1979, a total of 107,531 cars were ordered, compared with 116,149 during the comparable period of 1978.

Cars placed in service in November came to 8,938, compared with 8,203 in October and 6,756 in November 1978. For the first 11 months of the year, 83,024 cars were placed in service, compared with 61,777 during the same period 1978.

As of December 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered stood at 120,127, compared with 123,897 on November 1 and 91,866 on December 1 a year earlier. The average backlog for 1979 through 11 months was 120,212, compared with 66,603 for the same 1978 period.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 168 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in November, compared with 183 in October and 172 in November 1978. For the first 11 months of 1979, 1,732 cars were placed in service, compared with 1,196 a year earlier.

As of December 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,968, compared with 27,245 on December 1, 1978, and 27,871 on November 1, 1979.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of December 1 was 62,922,350, compared with 62,646,630 on November 1 and 60,049,475 on December 1, 1978.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of December 1 was 656, compared with 774 on November 1, and 836 on December 1 a year earlier. the average backlog for the year through 11 months was 969, compared with 754 for the comparable period of 1978.

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DELIVERED

	November		October	Eleven Months	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Built New by Car Builders	7,971	6,461	7,758	75,976	56,316
Built New in R.R. Shops	913	272	349	5,382	4,140
Built New - Total	8,884	6,733	8,107	81,358	60,456
Rebuilt	54	23	96	1,666	1,321
TOTAL Delivered	8,938	6,756	8,203	83,024	61,777
Locomotives	168	172	183	1,732	1,196

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	7,890	8,302	6,129	101,351	112,577
To be built New in R.R. Shops	768	500	0	5,231	3,434
To be built New - Total	8,658	8,802	6,129	106,582	116,011
To be rebuilt	54	16	95	949	138
TOTAL Ordered	8,712	8,818	6,224	107,531	116,149

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	December 1		November 1	Average	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
To be built New by Car Builders	113,797	86,059	117,422	113,750	60,705
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,160	5,714	6,305	6,341	5,431
To be built New - Total	119,957	91,773	123,727	120,091	66,136
To be rebuilt	170	93	170	121	467
TOTAL on Order	120,127*	91,866	123,897	120,212	66,603
Locomotives	656	836	774	969	754

* Backlog reduced by 3,544 cars due to reporting revisions and cancellation of some orders.

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WASHINGTON, February 11 -- U.S. railroads and private car lines put 90,903 new and rebuilt freight cars into service during 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The 90,903 cars placed in service compared with 68,774 during 1978. A total of 8,100 were delivered in December, compared with 8,938 in November and 6,840 in December 1978.

Car orders for the year totaled 120,256, compared with 129,341 in 1978. In December, 8,554 cars were ordered, compared with 8,712 in November and 12,734 in December 1978.

As of January 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered stood at 119,371, compared with 120,127 on December 1 and 96,342 on January 1, 1979. The average backlog for the year was 120,143, compared with 69,082 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 1,892 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service during 1979, compared with 1,312 the previous year. Of that total, 160 were delivered in December, compared with 168 in November and 116 in December 1978.

As of January 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,937, compared with 27,968 on December 1, 1978, and 27,209 on January 1, 1979.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of January 1 was 62,909,510, compared with 62,922,350 on December 1 and 60,227,630 on January 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of January 1 was 1,460, compared with 656 on December 1, and 1,164 on January 1 a year earlier. The average backlog for the year was 1,010, compared with 788 for 1978.

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DELIVERED

	December		November	Twelve Months	
	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Built New by Car Builders	7,376	6,524	7,971	83,931	62,400
Built New in R.R. Shops	708	303	913	6,090	5,040
Built New - Total	8,084	6,827	8,884	90,021	67,440
Rebuilt	16	13	54	* 882	1,334
TOTAL Delivered	8,100	6,840	8,938	*90,903	68,774
Locomotives	160	116	168	1,892	1,312

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	7,538	11,827	7,890	113,060	124,862
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,000	900	768	6,231	4,334
To be built New - Total	8,538	12,727	8,658	119,291	129,196
To be rebuilt	16	7	54	965	145
TOTAL Ordered	8,554	12,734	8,712	120,256	129,341

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	January 1		December 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1979	1979	1978
To be built New by Car Builders	112,749	89,944	113,797	113,667	63,141
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,452	6,311	6,160	6,350	5,505
To be built New - Total	119,201	96,255	119,957	120,017	68,646
To be rebuilt	170	87	170	126	436
TOTAL on Order	119,371**	96,342	120,127	120,143	69,082
Locomotives	1,460	1,164	656	1,010	788

* Revised Figures

** Backlog reduced by 1,210 cars due to reporting revisions and cancellation of some orders.

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WASHINGTON, March 12 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars totaled 7,092 in January, compared with 8,554 in December and 15,236 in January a year ago, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

A total of 7,900 cars were placed in service in January, compared with 6,050 in January 1979 and 8,100 in December.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of February 1 was 116,628, compared with 119,371 on January 1 and 104,903 on February 1, 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 169 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in January, compared with 160 in December and 134 in January of last year.

As of February 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 27,962, compared with 27,937 on January 1 and 27,228 on February 1, 1979.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of February 1 was 63,006,140 compared with 60,111,600 on February 1, 1979, and 62,909,510 on January 1, of this year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of February 1 was 1,287, compared with 1,304 on February 1, 1979, and 1,460 on January 1.

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DELIVERED

	January		December
	1980	1979	1979
Built New by Car Builders	7,365	5,667	7,376
Built New in R.R. Shops	470	381	708
Built New - Total	7,835	6,048	8,084
Rebuilt	65	2	16
TOTAL Delivered	7,900	6,050	8,100
Locomotives	169	134	160

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	6,327	14,736	7,538
To be built New in R.R. Shops	700	500	1,000
To be built New - Total	7,027	15,236	8,538
To be rebuilt	65	0	16
TOTAL Ordered	7,092	15,236	8,554

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	February 1		January 1
	1980	1979	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	109,776	98,388	112,749
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,682	6,430	6,452
To be built New - Total	116,458	104,818	119,201
To be rebuilt	170	85	170
TOTAL on Order	116,628*	104,903	119,371
Locomotives	1,287	1,304	1,460

* Backlog reduced by 1,935 cars due to reporting revisions and cancellation of some orders.

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WASHINGTON, April 15 -- A total of 8,000 new freight cars were placed in service in February, topping the January figure as well as that of February 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The 8,000 February deliveries brought the total for the first two months of 1980 to 15,900, compared with 13,085 for the same period of 1979. In January 7,900 cars were placed in service, while the figure for February 1979 was 7,035.

Orders for new cars in February came to 3,776, compared with 7,075 in January and 14,506 in February 1979. For the first two months of the year, 10,851 cars have been ordered, compared with 29,742 for the comparable period a year ago.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 110,337 as of March 1, compared with 116,628 on February 1 and 113,129 on March 1, 1979. For the year so far, the average backlog is 113,483, compared with 109,016 for the the first two months last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American Railroads added 124 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in February, compared with 169 in January and 125 in February 1979. So far this year, 293 new locomotives have been put in service, compared with 259 for the same period last year.

As of March 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,012, compared with 27,225 on March 1, 1979, and 27,962 on February 1 of this year.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of March 1 was 63,194,590, compared with 60,270,250 on March 1, 1979, and 63,006,140 on February 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of March 1 was 1,291, compared with 1,287 on February 1 and 1,297 on March 1 of last year.

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DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	7,440	6,619	7,365	14,805	12,286
Built New in R.R. Shops	560	411	470	1,030	792
Built New - Total	8,000	7,030	7,835	15,835	13,078
Rebuilt	-0-	5	65	65	7
TOTAL Delivered	8,000	7,035	7,900	15,900	13,085
Locomotives	124	125	169	293	259

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	3,776	14,506	6,310	10,086	29,242
To be built New in R.R. Shops	-0-	-0-	700	700	500
To be built New - Total	3,776	14,506	7,010	10,786	29,742
To be rebuilt	-0-	-0-*	65	65	-0-*
TOTAL ORDERED	3,776	*14,506	7,075	10,851	*29,742

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	104,045	107,030	109,776	106,911	102,709
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,122	6,019	6,682	6,402	6,225
To be built New - Total	110,167	113,049	116,458	113,313	108,934
To be rebuilt	170	*80	170	170	*82
TOTAL on Order	**110,337	*113,129	116,628	113,483	*109,016
Locomotives	1,291	1,297	1,287	1,289	1,301

* Revised

** Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, backlog has been reduced by 2,067 cars. Cumulative figures for car orders have also been adjusted.

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WASHINGTON, May 7 -- More than 9,000 new and rebuilt freight cars were placed in service in March, compared with 8,000 in February and 8,406 in March 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The 9,017 cars delivered in March brought the total for the first three months of the year to 24,758, compared with 21,490 for the comparable period a year ago.

Orders in March totaled 3,539, compared with 3,776 in February and 14,899 in March 1979. Cumulative orders for the first quarter were 14,190, compared with 44,449 during the comparable period of last year.

As of April 1, a total of 101,532 cars were on order and undelivered, compared with 110,137 on March 1 and 119,380 on April 1, 1979. Average backlog for the year so far is 109,365, compared with 110,420 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 246 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in March, compared with 124 in February and 148 in March 1979. Total deliveries for the first quarter of the year came to 539, up from 407 in the comparable three-month period last year.

As of April 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,269, compared with 28,012 on March 1 and 27,253 on April 1, 1979.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of April 1 was 63,936,090 compared with 63,194,590 on March 1 and 60,463,000 on April 1 of last year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of April 1 was 1,114, compared with 1,291 on March 1 and 1,143 on April 1, 1979. Average backlog so far this year is 1,230, compared with 1,249 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	March		February	Three Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	8,224	7,787	7,440	22,870	20,072
Built New in R.R. Shops	571	509	* 463	1,462	1,301
Built New - Total	8,795	8,296	* 7,903	24,332	21,373
Rebuilt	222	110	* 97	426	117
TOTAL Delivered	9,017	8,406	8,000	24,758	21,490
Locomotives	246	148	124	539	407

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	3,471	14,801	3,776	13,357	43,851
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	500
To be built New - Total	3,471	14,801	3,776	13,357	44,351
To be rebuilt	68	98	0	833	98
TOTAL Ordered	3,539	14,899	3,776	14,190	44,449

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	April 1		March 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	96,165	113,802	104,045	103,328	104,149
To be built New in R.R. Shops	4,790	5,510	* 5,361	5,325	6,156
To be built New - Total	100,955	119,312	*109,406	108,653	110,305
To be rebuilt	577	68	* 731	712	115
TOTAL on Order	**101,532	119,380	110,137	109,365	110,420
Locomotives	1,114	1,143	1,291	1,230	1,249

* Revised figures

** Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 3,127 cars. Cumulative figures for car orders have also been adjusted.

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ORDERS UP IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, June 3 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in April totaled 5,537, compared with 3,539 in March and 7,892 in April 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Of the 5,537 cars ordered in April, 2,851 are to be built new by car builders, 2,650 are to be built new in railroad shops and 36 are to be rebuilt. For the year so far, 19,427 cars have been ordered, compared with 52,181 for the first four months of last year.

Deliveries in April totaled 8,074 cars, compared with 9,017 in March and 7,418 in April 1979. For the first four months of the year, 32,971 cars have been placed in service, compared with 28,909 for the comparable period of last year.

As of May 1, cars on order and undelivered totaled 92,372, compared with 120,026 on May 1, 1979, and 101,532 on April 1 of this year. The average backlog for the year to date is 105,117, compared with 112,847 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 149 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in April, compared with 246 in March and 127 in April of last year. Total deliveries for the first four months of the year came to 688, compared with 534 for the comparable period last year.

As of May 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,385, compared with 28,269 on April 1, and 27,307 on May 1, 1979.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of May 1 was 64,228,440, compared with 63,936,090 on April 1 and 60,697,700 on May 1 of last year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of May 1 was 1,083, compared with 1,114 on April 1 and 1,065 on May 1, 1979. Average backlog so far this year is 1,194, compared with 1,203 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	April		March	Four Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	7,546	6,884	8,224	30,555	26,957
Built New in R.R. Shops	347	432	571	1,809	1,733
Built New - Total	7,893	7,316	8,795	32,364	28,690
Rebuilt	181	102	222	607	219
TOTAL Delivered	8,074	7,418	9,017	32,971	28,909
Locomotives	149	127	246	638	534

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,851	7,799	3,471	15,908	51,490
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,650	0	0	2,650	500
To be built New - Total	5,501	7,799	3,471	18,558	51,990
To be rebuilt	36	93	68	869	191
TOTAL Ordered	5,537	7,892	3,539	19,427	52,181

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	May 1		April 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	84,847	114,889	96,165	98,708	106,834
To be built New in R.R. Shops	7,093	5,078	4,790	5,767	5,887
To be built New - Total	91,940	119,967	100,955	104,475	112,721
To be rebuilt	432	59	577	642	126
TOTAL on Order	*92,372	120,026	101,532	105,117	112,847
Locomotives	1,083	1,065	1,114	1,194	1,203

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 6,623 cars. Cumulative figures for car orders and deliveries have also been adjusted.

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WASHINGTON, July 7 -- Deliveries of new and rebuilt freight cars in May totaled 8,261, compared with 8,074 in April and 7,807 in May 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative deliveries continued to run ahead of 1979 through the first five months of this year. So far in 1980, a total of 41,232 cars have been placed in service, compared with 36,316 during the comparable period a year ago.

Orders in May totaled 5,744, compared with 5,537 in April and 13,788 in May 1979. For the year, cumulative orders totaled 24,645, compared with 65,820 through the first five months of last year.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of June 1 totaled 87,451, compared with 92,302 on May 1 and 125,354 on June 1, 1979. The average backlog so far this year is 105,047, compared with 114,303 last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 167 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in May, compared with 149 in April and 160 in May a year ago. Total deliveries for the first five months of 1980 came to 855, compared with 694 last year.

As of June 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,368, compared with 27,392 on June 1, 1979, and 28,385 on May 1 of this year.

The aggregate horsepower of the locomotive fleet as of June 1 was 64,247,190, compared with 64,228,440 on May 1 and 61,024,250 on June 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of June 1 was 953, compared with 1,083 on May 1 and 1,087 on June 1 last year. Average backlog so far this year is 1,146, compared with 1,180 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	MAY		APRIL	FIVE MONTHS	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	7,484	7,281	7,546	38,039	33,838
Built New in R.R. Shops	589	423	347	2,398	2,156
Built New - Total	8,073	7,704	7,893	40,437	35,994
Rebuilt	188	103	181	795	322
TOTAL Delivered	8,261	7,807	8,074	41,232	36,316
Locomotives	167	160	149	855	694

ORDERED

To be Built New by Car Builders	3,882	13,288	2,851	19,264	64,629
To be Built New in R.R. Shops	1,862	413	2,650	4,512	913
To be Built New - Total	5,744	13,701	5,501	23,776	65,542
To be Rebuilt	-0-	87	36	869	278
TOTAL Ordered	5,744	13,788	5,537	24,645	65,820

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	JUNE 1		MAY 1	AVERAGE	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be Built New by Car Builders	78,911	120,243	84,847	98,708	108,445
To be Built new in R.R. Shops	8,366	5,068	7,093	5,767	5,725
To be Built New - Total	87,277	125,311	91,940	104,475	114,170
To be Rebuilt	174	43	*362	572	133
TOTAL on Order	**87,451	125,354	*92,302	105,047	114,303
Locomotives	953	1,087	1,083	1,146	1,180

* Revised Figures

** Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 2,334 cars.

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WASHINGTON, August 13, 1980 -- Deliveries of new and rebuilt cars in June totaled 8,008, compared with 8,145 in June 1979 and 8,261 in May of this year, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative deliveries for the first half of the year totaled 49,240, compared with 44,861 for the comparable period of 1979.

Orders in June totaled 3,144, compared with 5,744 in May and 7,389 in June 1979. For the first half of 1980, cumulative orders totaled 27,789, compared with 73,358 for the same period a year ago.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of July 1, came to 79,754, compared with 87,451 on June 1 and 124,598 on July 1, 1979.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 178 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in June, compared with 167 in May and 159 in June of last year. Deliveries for the year totaled 1,033 for the first six months, compared with 853 for the comparable period of last year.

As of July 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,532, compared with 28,368 on June 1 and 27,495 on July 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of July 1 was 787, compared with 953 on June 1 and 1,012 on July 1 of last year. Average backlog so far this year is 1,086, compared with 1,152 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	June		May	Six Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	7,521	7,547	7,484	45,560	41,785
Built New in R.R. Shops	381	492	589	2,779	2,648
Built New - Total	7,902	8,039	8,073	48,339	44,433
Rebuilt	106	106	188	901	428
TOTAL Delivered	8,008	8,145	8,261	49,240	44,861
Locomotives	178	159	167	1,033	853

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	3,144	6,639	3,882	22,408	71,417
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	658	1,862	4,512	1,571
To be built New - Total	3,144	7,297	5,744	26,920	72,988
To be rebuilt	0	92	0	869	370
TOTAL Ordered	3,144	7,389	5,744	27,789	73,358

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	July 1		June 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	71,701	119,335	78,911	90,908	110,260
To be built New in R.R. Shops	7,985	5,234	8,366	6,569	5,643
To be built New - Total	79,686	124,569	87,277	97,477	115,903
To be rebuilt	68	29	174	422	115
TOTAL on Order	*79,754	124,598	87,451	97,899	116,018
Locomotives	787	1,012	953	1,086	1,152

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 2,833 cars.

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WASHINGTON, September 9, 1980 -- Deliveries of new and rebuilt freight cars totaled 5,894 in July, compared with 8,008 in June and 6,252 in July 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative deliveries for the first seven months of this year totaled 55,133, compared with 51,113 for the comparable period a year ago.

Orders in July totaled 3,393, compared with 3,144 in June and 7,077 in July of last year. Through the first seven months of 1980, a total of 30,283 cars have been ordered, compared with 80,423 for the same period last year.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of August 1 totaled 75,348, compared with 79,554 on July 1 and 125,196 on August 1, 1979. So far this year, the average backlog is 94,592, compared with 117,329 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 167 new and rebuilt locomotives to their fleet in July, compared with 178 in June and 100 in July 1979. Deliveries for the year so far totaled 1,200, compared with 953 through the first seven months of last year.

As of August 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,615, compared with 28,532 on July 1 and 27,536 on August 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of August 1 was 517, compared with 787 on July 1 and 912 on August 1 of last year. Average backlog so far this year is 1,004, compared with 1,117 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	July		June	Seven Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	5,455	5,608	7,521	51,014	47,393
Built New in R.R. Shops	435	554	381	3,214	3,202
Built New - Total	5,890	6,162	7,902	54,228	50,595
Rebuilt	4	90	106	905	518
TOTAL Delivered	5,894	6,252	8,008	55,133	51,113
Locomotives	167	100	178	1,200	953

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	3,393	6,293	3,144	25,102	77,698
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	700	0	4,312	2,271
To be built New - Total	3,393	6,993	3,144	29,414	79,969
To be rebuilt	0	84	0	869	454
TOTAL Ordered	3,393	7,077	3,144	30,283	80,423

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	August 1		July 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	67,934	119,793	71,701	87,626	111,622
To be built New in R.R. Shops	7,350	5,380	7,785*	6,595	5,605
To be built New - Total	75,284	125,173	79,486*	94,221	117,227
To be rebuilt	64	23	68	371	102
TOTAL on Order	75,348**	125,196	79,554*	94,592	117,329
Locomotives	517	912	787	1,004	1,117

* Revised Figures

** Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 1,705 cars.

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WASHINGTON, October 14, 1980 -- Deliveries of new and rebuilt cars in August totaled 7,012, compared with 5,894 in July and 8,431 in August 1979, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative deliveries for the first eight months of 1980 totaled 60,703, compared with 59,554 for the same period a year ago.

Orders in August totaled 2,991, compared with 3,393 in July and 8,910 in August of last year. Through the first eight months of the year, 33,123 cars have been ordered, compared with 88,598 for the comparable period of 1979.

The backlog of cars on order and undelivered as of September 1 totaled 69,672, compared with 75,348 on August 1 and 123,421 on September 1, 1979. So far this year, the average backlog is 91,477, compared with 118,091 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 108 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in August, compared with 167 in July and 159 in August 1979. Deliveries for the first eight months of the year totaled 1,308, compared with 1,112 for the same period last year.

As of September 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives totaled 28,604, compared with 28,615 on August 1 and 27,665 on September 1, 1979.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of September 1 was 577, compared with 517 on August 1 and 723 on September 1, 1979. Average backlog so far this year is 951, compared with 1,068 last year at this time.

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DELIVERED

	August		July	Eight Months	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Built New by Car Builders	6,158	7,753	5,455	55,730	55,156
Built New in R.R. Shops	836	574	435	4,050	3,776
Built New - Total	6,994	8,327	5,890	59,780	58,932
Rebuilt	18	104	4	923	622
TOTAL Delivered	7,012	8,431	5,894	60,703	59,554
Locomotives	108	159	167	1,308	1,112

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	2,531	7,519	3,393	27,482	84,482
To be built New in R.R. Shops	266	1,200	0	4,578	3,471
To be built New - Total	2,797	8,719	3,393	32,060	87,953
To be rebuilt	194	191	0	1,063	645
TOTAL Ordered	2,991	8,910	3,393	33,123	88,598

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	September 1		August 1	Average	
	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
To be built New by Car Builders	62,652	117,305	67,934	84,504	112,332
To be built New in R.R. Shops	6,780	6,006	7,350	6,619	5,656
To be built New - Total	69,432	123,311	75,284	91,123	117,988
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To be rebuilt	240	110	64	354	103
TOTAL on Order	69,672*	123,421	75,348	91,477	118,091
Locomotives	577	723	517	951	1,068

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the backlog has been reduced by 1,655 cars.

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